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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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A Japanese Abstract is provided for each of the Japanese patent documents and a partial translation of the two Japanese Office Actions are enclosed.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted a copy of the U.S. patents. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

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